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**OWNER OF SUNRISE PROFESSIONAL TAX SERVICE SENTENCED TO
21 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FAILING TO REPORT BUSINESS INCOME**

NEWARK, N.J. – The owner of Sunrise Professional Tax Service in Maplewood, N.J., was sentenced today to 21 months in prison after failing to report over \$600,000 in gross receipts from her tax preparation business, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Zenobia Williams, 44, of Maplewood, previously pleaded guilty to one count of subscribing to a false tax return for failing to report income from her business on her 2006 return. Williams entered her guilty plea before United States Magistrate Judge Patty Shwartz. Sentence was imposed by United States District Judge Faith Hochberg in Newark federal court.

According to the Indictment to which Williams pleaded guilty, other documents filed in this case, and statements made in court:

Williams was in the business, under the name Sunrise Professional Tax Service, of preparing and filing individual income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. In tax years 2003 through 2006, Williams failed to disclose and report more than \$600,000 in gross receipts that she received from her income tax return preparation service, on which she owed more than \$200,000 in taxes.

In addition to the prison term, Williams was sentenced to a year of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$205,506. She was also ordered to file any outstanding tax returns and pay any taxes, penalties, and interest due.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of IRS – Criminal Investigation in Edison, N.J., under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Victor W. Lessoff, with the investigation leading to today's sentence.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney R. Joseph Gribko of the United States Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Trenton.

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